

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) and U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), along with more than 25 leading House Republicans and Democrats, introduced a bipartisan resolution to reaffirm the U.S. designation of Hamas as foreign terrorist organization ahead of former President Jimmy Carter’s meeting with Hamas leader Khaled Meshal this week.

The bipartisan resolution, H.Res. 1110, condemns Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization responsible for the murders of 26 American citizens, calls on Hamas to renounce terrorism, fully disarm and recognize Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state, and reaffirms Congress’ strong support for Israel’s right to defend her citizens against Hamas terrorism. The names and profiles of 26 American citizens murdered by Hamas terrorists are also listed in the resolution text.

“Hamas terrorists are responsible for the murders of at least 26 American citizens—some of them teenagers, children and infants,” said Kirk. “I urge the House leadership to bring this bipartisan resolution to the floor to reaffirm with one voice our recognition of Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization responsible for the murder of so many Americans.”

The resolution text and current cosponsors appear below.

Cosponsors: Kirk, Berkley, Boehner, Blunt, Ros-Lehtinen, Cantor, McCotter, Engel, Shuster, Burton, Weiner, Franks, Souder, Kagen, Fortuno, Joe Wilson, Fossella, LoBiondo, Kuhl, Candice Miller, Shays, Burgess, Gerlach, Porter, Ramstad, McNulty, Poe, Schwartz, Tiberi, Gillibrand

H.Res. 1110: Condemning Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization responsible for the murders of 26 American citizens.

Whereas, former President Jimmy Carter will travel to Syria to meet with Khaled Mashaal, the leader of the Hamas terrorist organization;

Whereas, both President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush's administrations designated Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization;

Whereas, Hamas terrorists are responsible for the murders of at least 26 American citizens, including teenagers, children and infants;

Whereas on December 1, 1993, Hamas terrorists murdered 19-year-old Yitzhak Weinstock of California;

Whereas on October 9, 1994, Hamas terrorists kidnapped 19-year-old Nachshon Wachsman of New York, bound, gagged and videotaped him and later murdered him during a rescue attempt;

Whereas, on February 25, 1996, Hamas terrorists murdered 22-year-old Sara Duker of New Jersey, her fiance, 25-year-old Matthew Eisenfeld of Connecticut and Ira Weinstein of New York;

Whereas, on May 13, 1996, Hamas terrorists murdered 17-year-old David Boim of New York;

Whereas, on September 4, 1997, Hamas terrorists murdered 14-year-old Yael Botwin of California and Leah Stern of New Jersey;

Whereas, on August 9, 2001, Hamas terrorists murdered 15-year-old Malka Roth of New York and Judith Greenbaum of New Jersey;

Whereas, on July 32, 2002 Hamas terrorists planted a bomb targeting American citizens attending Hebrew University in Jerusalem and murdered 24-year-old Marla Bennett of California, 25-year-old Benjamin Blutstein of Pennsylvania, 37-year-old Dina Carter of North Carolina, 36-year-old Janice Ruth Coulter of Massachusetts, and 24-year-old David Gritz of

Massachusetts;

Whereas on May 7, 2003, Hamas terrorists murdered Rabbi Eli Horowitz of Illinois and his wife, Dina Horowitz of Florida;

Whereas, on June 11, 2003, Hamas terrorists murdered Alan Beer of Ohio;

Whereas, on June 20, 2003, Hamas terrorists murdered Tzvi Goldstein of New York;

Whereas, on August 19, 2003, Hamas terrorist murdered Goldie Taubenfeld, three-month-old Shmuel Taubenfeld, three-year-old Tehilla Nathanson, nine-year-old Yitzhak Reinitz and Mordechai Reinitz, all of New York;

Whereas, on September 9, 2003, Hamas terrorists murdered David Applebaum of Ohio, head of the emergency room at Shaare Tzedek Medical Center in Jerusalem and founder of a network of emergency medical service clinics, and 20-year-old Nava Applebaum of Ohio, who was getting married the next day; and

Whereas, the Hamas terrorist organization denies Israel's right to exist as a Jewish State;
Therefore, be it now

Resolved, that the United States House of Representatives:

- 1) Condemns Hamas as a foreign terrorist organization responsible for the murders of 26 American citizens;
- 2) Calls on Hamas to renounce terrorism, fully disarm and recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state; and
- 3) Reaffirms its strong support for Israel's right to defend her citizens against Hamas terrorism.